

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:136

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Fish Production

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is one of the largest fish producing countries in the world and if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether fish production in the country is much higher than domestic consumption and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the prospects of fish exports from the country and the expected foreign exchange earnings from the surplus fish production; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to promote the fish production in the country?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

(a) to (d): A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 136 put in by ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR, Member of Parliament for answer on 3rd May, 2016 on Fish Production.

(a): Yes, Madam. India is the second largest producer of fish in the world. The State-wise details of fish production in the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise is given at Annexure.

(b): Yes, Madam. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations report on The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture-2014 average annual per-capita consumption of fish and fish products in the country is 2.85 kg. Accordingly, the domestic consumption of fish adds up to about 36 lakh tonnes whereas the total fish production in the country during 2015-16 was 107.95 lakh tonnes (provisional).

(c): As per data available, the export of different variety of fish for the last 3 years, is mostly of Frozen Shrimp, Frozen Fish, Frozen Cuttle Fish, Frozen Squid, Chilled Items and other fish and fish products, and these varieties have tremendous potential for export. The details of the export of marine products for the last three years from India including foreign exchange earnings as reported by the Marine Products Exports Development Authority (MPEDA) are as under:

Year 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16

(Provisional)

Quantity of Exports

(in tonnes) 983756 1051243 928647

Value of Exports Rs. Crore 30213.26 33441.61 29842.22

US Dollar (Million) 5007.70 5511.12 4600.56

(d): For the realization of Blue Revolution the Government has continuously been taking steps to create the necessary ecosystem in the form of extending necessary financial and legal support and instituting regulatory mechanisms for the public, cooperative and private sectors to increase production and productivity of fish. The Government has accorded approval to the restructured Central Sector Scheme "Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries" by merging and integrating the existing schemes of fisheries of the Department, with the following broad components:- National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) and its activities, Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture, Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations, National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen, Strengthening of Database and Geographical Information System of the fisheries sector and Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) and other need based interventions, with an overall objective to enhance fish production and productivity.
